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INFO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR CH

SUBJECT: NEW PRC AMBASSADOR TO CZECHOSLAVAKIA

1. USLO HAS LEARNED THAT LI EN-CHIU, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, HAS BEEN NAMED AMBASSADOR TO PRAGUE. A SLIGHT MAN WITH A WISPY BEARD, LI LOOKS A GREAT DEAL LIKE HO CHI MINH. HE IS ONE OF THE MOST OUTGOING INDIVIDUALS WE HAVE MET AMONG CHINESE OFFICIALDOM, THOROUGHLY ENJOYS GOOD SCOTCH AND WESTERN CIGARETTES, AND IS POSSESSED OF A WRY SENSE OF HUMOR. A DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE RECENTLY TOLD US THAT HE WAS PRESENT WHEN ANOTHER CHINESE HAD COMPLAINED TO LI ABOUT HAVING HAD TO SPEND THE YEARS 1965-68 IN MOSCOW. LI REPLIED, "AT LEAST YOU MISSED THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION."

2. WE HAVE NOT HEARD WHEN LI WILL ARRIVE IN PRAGUE, BUT WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY PRAGUE WOULD FIND HIM A USEFUL CONTACT IF THAT COULD BE ARRANGED. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. BUSH

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